

Catalyst Converters" submitted with the August 14, 2006 Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection contains hand written translation of relevant parts.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant submits a formal partial translation of JASO M 505-87 "The Methods of Ceramic Monolith Substrates for Automotive Exhaust Gas Catalyst Converters."

As shown in the testing methods of JASO M 505-87 "Testing Methods of Ceramic Monolith Substrates for Automotive Exhaust Gas Catalyst Converters", the term "cell pitch" is defined as "average value of the distance between the centers of the respective cells within the requisite number of the cells to be measured." The testing methods are used as a standard in Japan. In Fig. 1 of the testing method, "cell pitch" is shown to be the distance between center lines of two adjacent partition walls.

In view of the above, the term "pitch" or "interval pitch" is a term of art that is well known in the honeycomb art. Thus, the terms "pitch" and "interval pitch" are supported by evidence in the record.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 16, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 2002-326035 to Ichikawa et al. is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Partial Translation of JASO M 505-87
Petition for Extension of Time

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TESTING METHODS FOR CERAMIC MONOLITH SUBSTRATES FOR AUTOMOTIVE
EXHAUST GAS CATALYST CONVERTERS (Partial Translation)

2. Definition

(12) Cell Pitch: Average value of the distances between the centers of the respective cells within the requisite number of the cells to be measured. (See Fig. 1.)

Fig. 1. Illustrative showing of cell structure

